

**VERITAS**



Dark Matter,  
Dark Energy and  
Inflation Era Physics

Providing Enabling  
Technology for  
Future Experiments

**DES**



**SPTPoI**



# The HEP Experimental Astrophysics & Cosmology Program

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HEP - High Energy Physics Div.

MSD - Materials Science Div.

ALCF - Leadership Computing Facility

# The HEP **Astrophysics & Cosmology** Program Evolution

## Experimental astrophysics & cosmology

VERITAS → CTA  
(Indirect Dark Matter)

DES → LSST  
(Dark Energy)

CMB/SPT → SPTPol → SPTPol Upgrade  
(Enabling Tech to study Inflation)

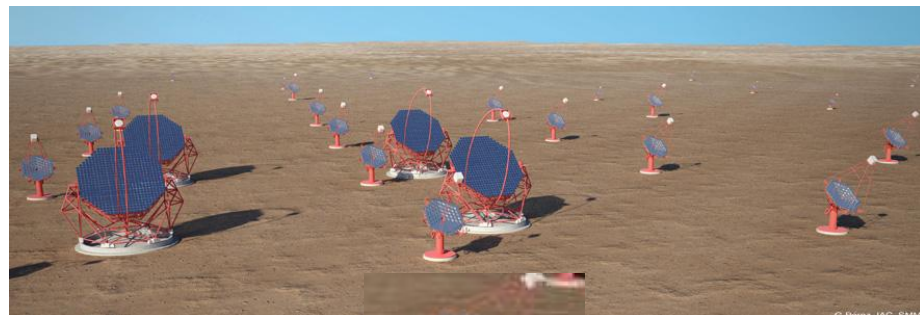
## New Cosmic Frontier Theory Group

LDRD Supported Effort on Supercomputer precision Cosmology	→ LSST Simulations
	→ Theory/Precision Cosmology
	→ Theory/Supercomputer Simulations



# VERITAS and CTA

US invented this field (with DOE & NSF support)



ANL-DESY-Saclay  
design

## VERITAS

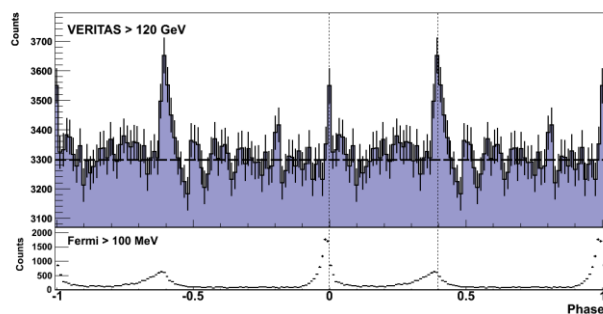
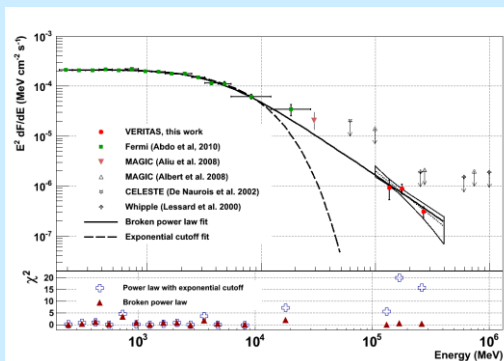
Currently the most sensitive TeV Observatory in the world.

- L2 trigger upgrade for VERITAS: Now Mostly Commissioning
- Science - Continued Data analysis focusing on DM, LIV and fundamental physics

## CTA

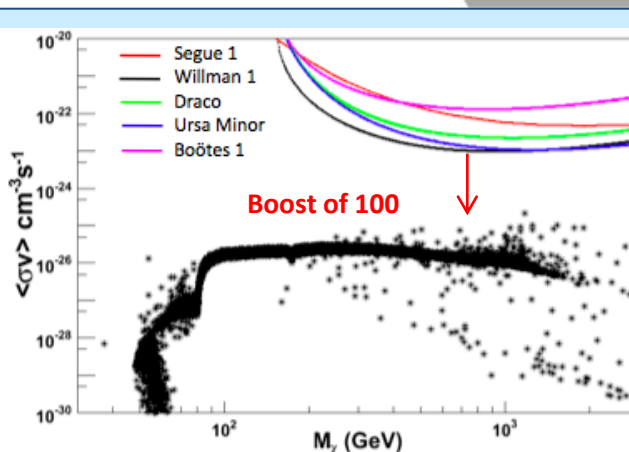
- DM, LIV and fundamental Science
- Provide enabling technology for next generation
  - Topological Array Trigger
  - Large Area Photodetectors for camera
- Utilize unique lab resources to design new economical & automated mechanical telescope structures

First Detection of Crab Pulsar above 100 GeV, Science 334, (2011), 69.



LIV studies using Crab Pulsar - Zitzer

- Estimate LIV limits w/CRAB comparable to AGN (HESS & MAGIC)



First VERITAS DM Paper.

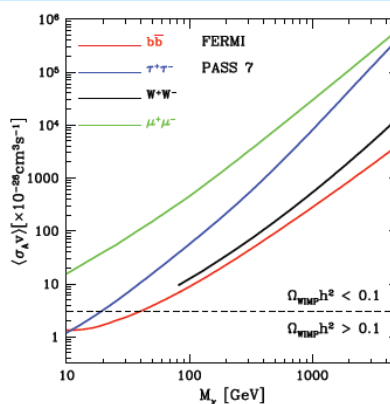
Indirect DM search using VERITAS dwarf spheroidal data ApJ 720 (2010) 1174

R.Wagner & A.Smith led analysis and paper writing

VERITAS Deep Observations of Segue 1; Phys Rev D, 85, 062001 (2012)  
M. Vivier (Delaware)

- Excludes some DM models
- Complementary to other measurements

Exclusion of WIMPs w/M < 40 GeV using FERMI Dwarf data



ANL and Brown Univ.

Use frequentist-statistics method on the VERITAS dwarfs to extend the Fermi limits into the high mass region available to VERITAS.

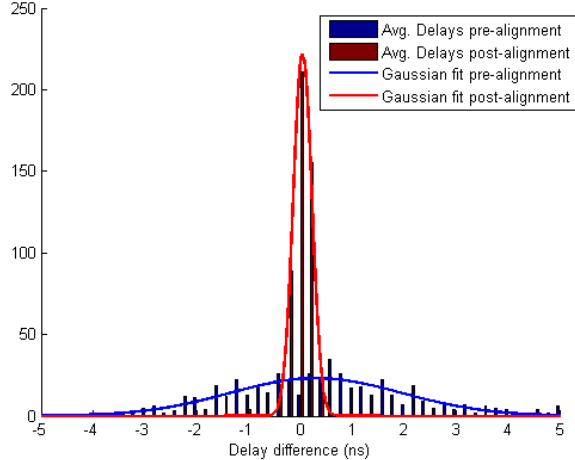
Brown - method for stacking Argonne - data analysis (PSF, acceptances, etc..) & systematics (Decerprit & Zitzer)

Geringer-Sameth and Koushiappas, PhysRevLett 107.341302 (Brown)

# VERITAS Upgrade

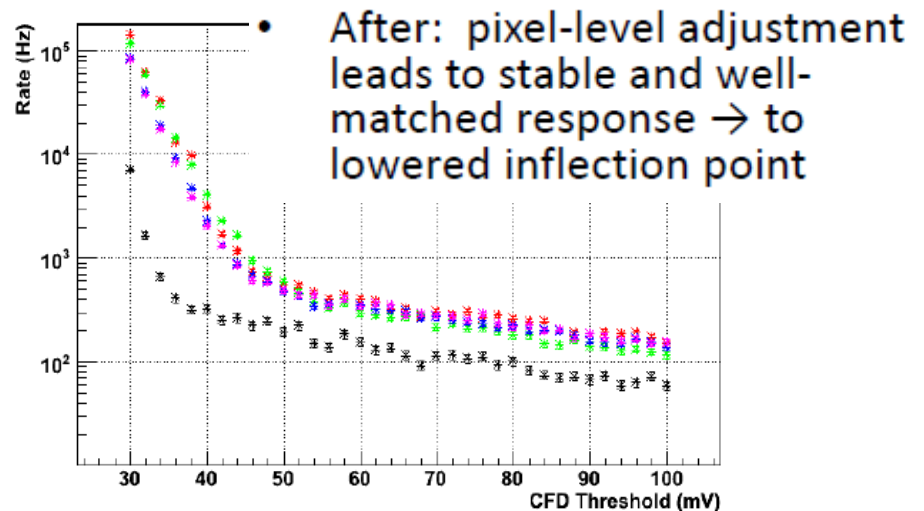
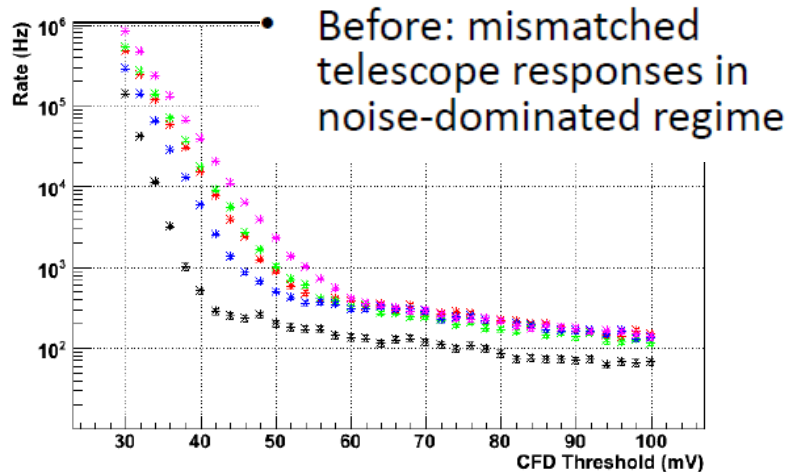
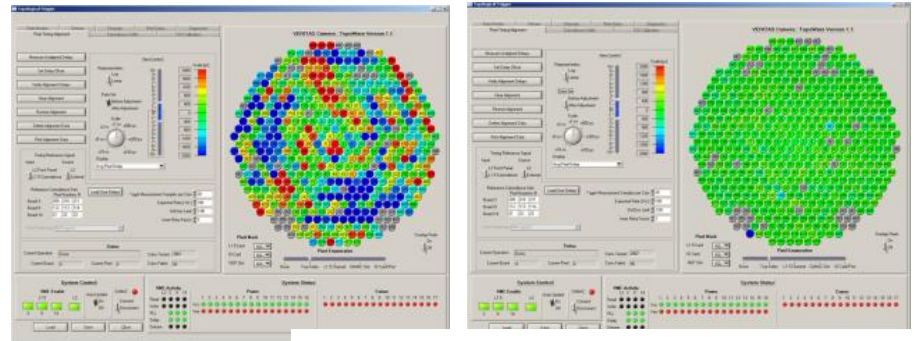
## New 400MHz FPGA L2 Trigger

C:\Users\Zitzer\Documents\Work\Trigger\Alignment 20110917\ Histogram for All L1.5 boards

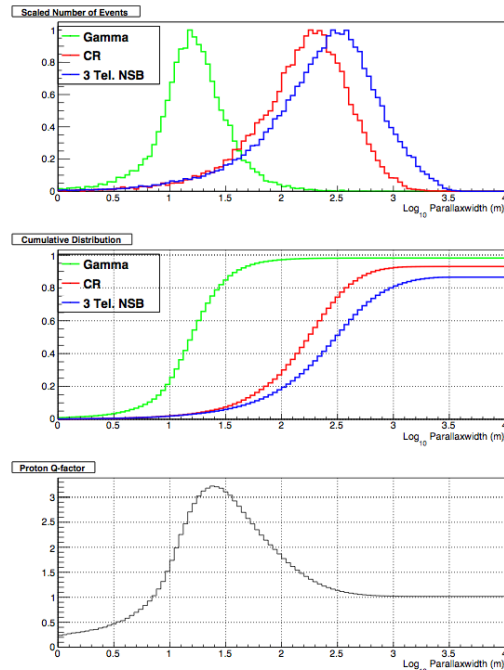


Pixel to pixel alignment better than 500psec

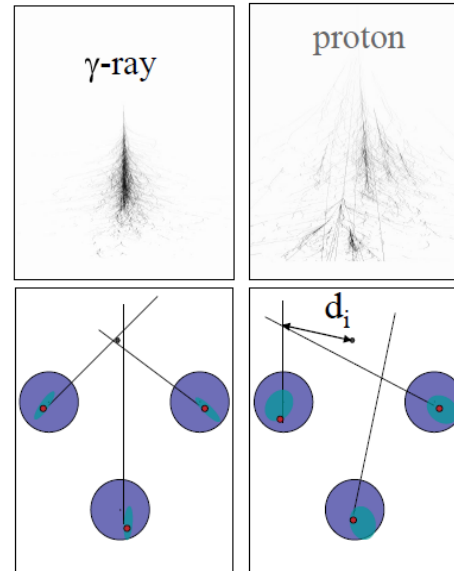
Installed Nov 7-14, 2011! Came up working.  
Commissioning still underway,  
Anderson, Drake, Zitzer, Byrum with Krennrich,  
Weinstein (Iowa State Univ.)



# CTA R&D - FPGA based Topological Array Trigger



Credit: M. Schroedter (ISU)



Drake, Anderson,  
Byrum with Krennrich  
& Weinstein (ISU)

**Array Trigger Concept:** Use Parallax at trigger level where simulations indicated an order of magnitude cosmic-ray reduction, while keeping 90% of gamma-rays.

Early array design & L2 prototype by ANL & ISU led to (VERITAS L2 upgrade).

For CTA: attractive option to deal with deadtime and data rates.

Trigger concept and technology implementation for CTA begun (Advanced Telecommunications Computing Architecture (ATCA))

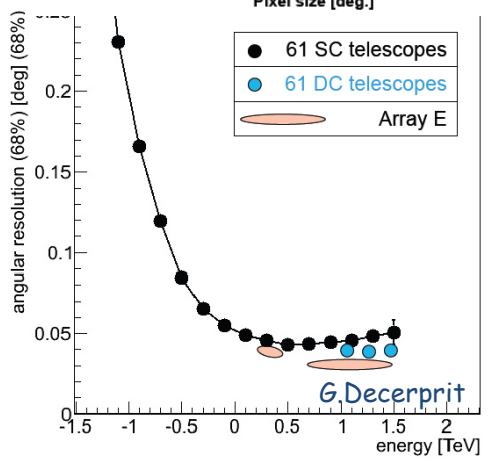
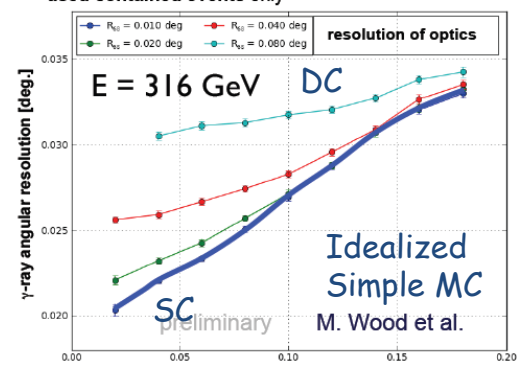
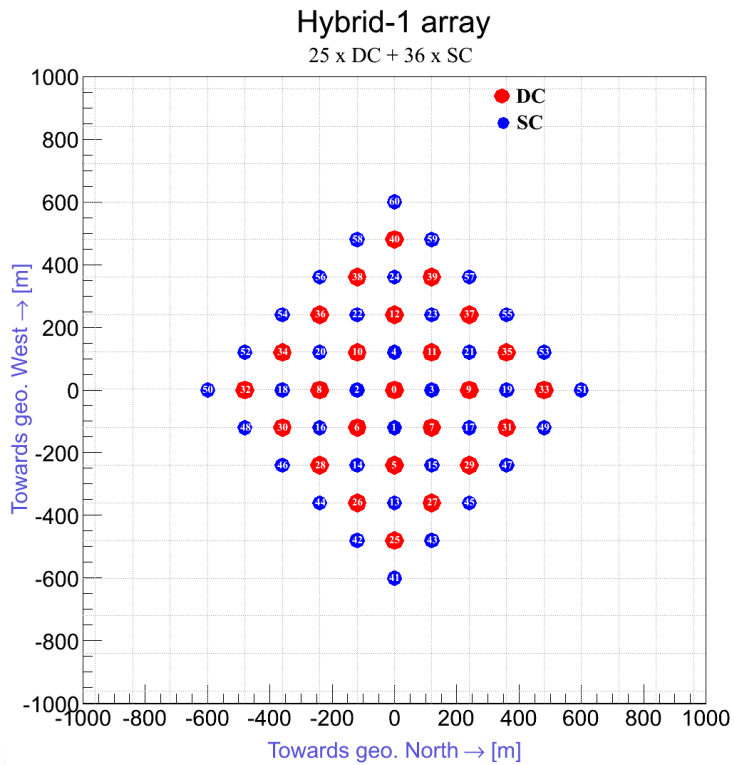
# CTA - Simulations - G. Decerprit in collaboration w/ DESY, Columbia & SLAC

➤ Simulation of a mixed array:  
Schwarzschild-Couder (SC) & Davies-Cotton (DC) telescopes.

➤ Target energy range: 50 GeV - 30 TeV

➤ **GOAL:**

- assess the general performances of a mixed array
- compare SC telescopes with DC telescopes

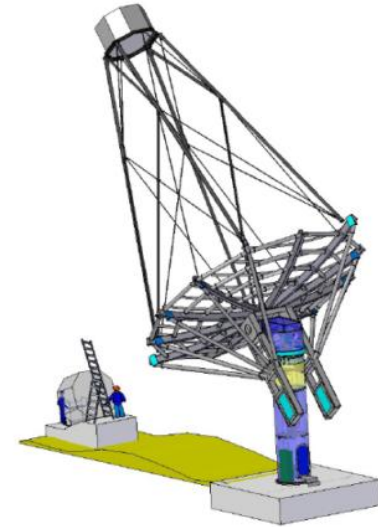


- Note that the pure-DC array analysis is much more optimized than the pure SC array
- Room for maneuver for aggressive optimization
- These preliminary results are promising



# ANL lead DC Mechanical OSS Telescope design for CTA R&D

Victor Guarino,  
DESY, Saclay



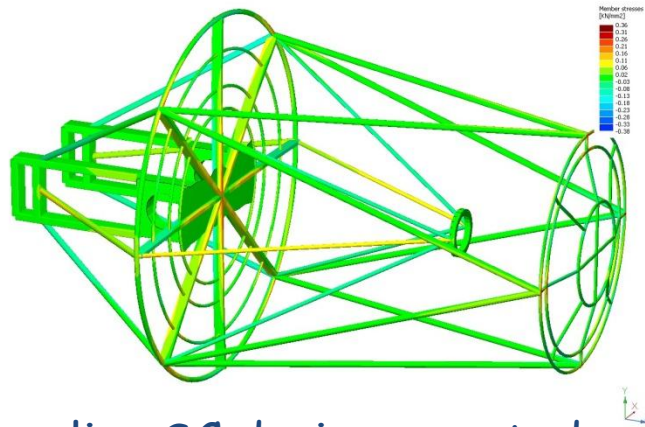
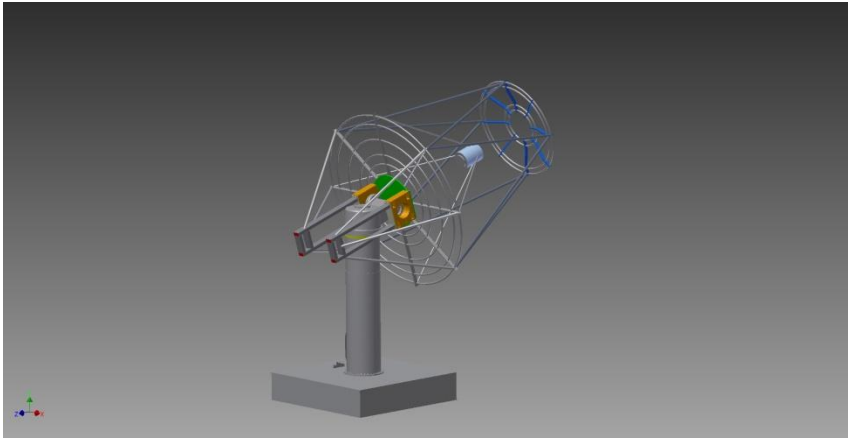
Quarter dish for DC telescope. All components built in Chicago based US industry (with special capabilities - rolled beams)

Quarter dish in Berlin with mirrors installed and mirror controls for alignment. This has been a big success for finalizing telescope design.

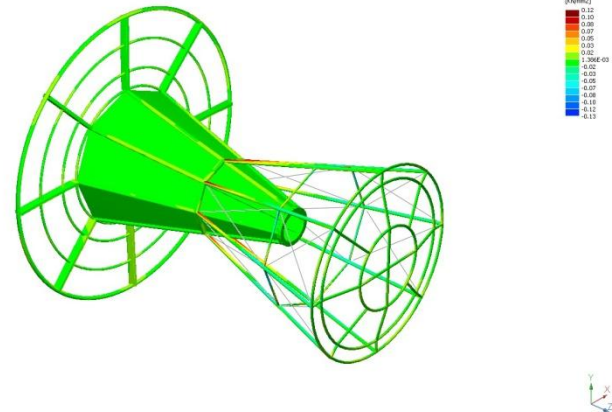
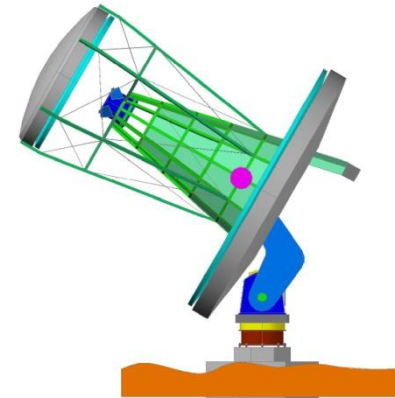
# CTA R&D Mid Sized Schwarzschild-Coude (SC) Telescope Mechanical Designs

Victor Guarino,  
UCLA, DESY, Krakow

We have begun the FEA structural analysis needed to evaluate the deformations of OSS of each design concept. Collaborating w/UCLA



Our earlier SC design mounted on  
DESY positioner



Krakow SC design



# Summary

## Analysis of VERITAS data

- Indirect Dark Matter using Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies
- Lorentz Invariance Violation using AGNs

## Commissioning and optimizing of L2 trigger

## CTA (Present and Future)

- MC Simulations for optimization of telescope designs (traditional DC vrs new dual mirror) (ANL/DESY pd)
- Mechanical engineering of new and traditional telescope designs
  - ANL/DESY/Sacclay Davies Cotton 12m telescope is the CTA mid-sized telescope baseline.
  - Leading mech. Design of new novel dual mirror telescope (CTA-US proposal (w/UCLA, Krakow, DESY))
- Real time Array Level Topological trigger using event topology (w/ISU)
  - Leverages VERITAS L2 trigger
- Large Area Photodetector R&D program

